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THERE IS NO DEATH

t Universe—what dost thou with thy dead!
w thinking on the myriads that have gone
o a seeming blank oblivion,
th here and there a most resplendent head,
of such trancing sweetness, or so dread,
at made the soul to quake who looked thereon,
l utterly wiped out, dismissed, and done;
st, speechless, viewless, and forever fled!
ad on myriad, past the power to count;
here are they, thou dumb Nature? Do they shine,
eleased from separate life, in summer airs,
moony seas, in dawns?—or up the stairs
f spiritual being slowly mount
nd by degrees grow more and more divine?

ain to question—save the heart of man,
he throbbing human heart, that still doth keep
s truth, love, hope, its high and quenchless faith.
day, by night, when all else faints to sleep,
Naught is but life," it cries; "there is no death;
ife, Life doth only live, since Life began."

TO YOUR TENTS, O ISRAEL

he eighteenth amendment is in the constitution; it may be made a dead letter as easily and effectely as some others have been. The people, who nt prohibition and believe in it, are in a considera- majority in the land; but they are not so well orized nor so alert as those opposed to the enforcent of that amendment. We must be up and doing, t we be robbed of our rights. This is no time to ep.

Conferences should be held in the near future in ery community to give the people a chance to exss their feelings in favor of the enforcement of e prohibition law. Here is the place for every ristian man and woman to be heard. "The thing need," says the Federal Prohibition Commissioner, an open, manifest and out-spoken sentiment on e part of the good people in different communities favor of obedience to law. In too many places ose violating the law have almost the right to sume that the sentiment of their community is in vor of such a course."

He goes on to remark that "those who desire the v enforced, sit quietly by with folded hands, while e vicious element make so much noise that they em to be the whole thing."

Without question in almost every locality in Calirnia outside, perhaps, of San Francisco, such an pression can be had in favor of obedience to the constitution as to drive from the land the deliberate and vicious violator of our law. It is up to the pastors and the church members and law-abiding people of these communities to make themselves heard.

Let the W. C. T. U. again gird itself for the fray. It has stood us in good stead before. Let the Anti-Saloon League be galvanized to life again as in the days of Gandier, let it get a move on, and become the agency through which the churches and the good people may speak. These agencies have behind them a mighty force of right opinion; all they need do is to give us a chance to speak, to work, to fight.

DR. R. C. BROOKS RESIGNS

While the First Church of Berkeley was not altogether unprepared for it, the resignation of its pastor, Raymond C. Brooks, found a single response, and that was a loving but insistent protest against his going. His presence in Berkeley has meant so much not only to that church and city, to the faculty and students of the university, but also to the whole work of our northern conference, that nowhere within our bounds is there any other note.

The meeting of the church held to consider the matter was deeply spiritual, and full of a devotion that must have brought a great strain upon the hearts of both Mr. and Mrs. Brooks. But Dr. Brooks had long studied over the matter of accepting a very tempting position as head of the Department of Religious Education in Pomona College.

In response to the protest he has replied, "Deeply shaken in spirit and in resolution by the meeting of last Wednesday, we have sought again the path of light and find ourselves still in the grip of the untried task that beckons us. We ask you to send us away with the sense of your approval of our purpose, even though you cannot commend our judgment."

Without attempting to compare opportunity with opportunity, the field of service to which Dr. Brooks is going is large, full of promise, and must mean marvelous good to the youth of our great commonwealth. He will not be limited in his service to the southern portion of the state, but will wield a masterful influence upon all the young people of our churches north and south. We believe the future will prove the wisdom of his judgment.

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THE SUPPER AT EMMAUS

Wise Rembrandt! thou couldst paint, and thou alone,
Eyes that had seen what never human eyes
Before had looked on; him that late had past
Onward and back through gates of Death and Life.

O human face where the celestial gleam
Lingers! O, still to thee the eyes of men
Turn with deep, questioning worship; seeing there
As in a mirror, the Eternal Light
Caught from the shining of the Central Soul
Whence came all worlds, and whither shall return.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SHIELD

Since the war—and everything dates from that nowadays—it has become the habit of certain minds to declare that the whole system of things has gone to pieces; industry, society, religion, economics—the total complex which we style modern civilization.

If we were to listen without criticism (as most of us do) to these raucous voices and accept unquestioning their message, we ought to open our eyes some fine morning, or rather some horrific dawning, upon a world in ruins and upon a condition unthinkable. The sun would not rise, the world would not revolve, the rooster would not crow, the milkman would not arrive, the coffee would not percolate, the digestion would not digest. The inconoclastic storm that swept in lurid wrath over us, will have "left behind it, ruin and desolation."

But this is not true. We have a considerable fraction of the old world still with us. The hen yard still goes on producing eggs and chicks; the milkman does not know that we have come to "the end of the Age"; the first day of the month still brings us our handful of bills, comfortably shrunken, thank God, in amount by a lowering cost of living; and we all eat and drink and digest on the old plan, minus the alcoholic; and the devastated modern civilization is still with us, with so few alterations in garb and ornament that we are still able to recognize the good old dame without our monocles.

Let the possessors of the aforesaid raucous voices take pencil and paper the next time they are prompted to send this modern system to the nadir-pit, and figure out minutely what has passed away and what remains; we venture to prophesy that for every one point in the destroyed column, if they be honest and fair, they will write down four or mo points in the column of things that abide.

It has become our vicious habit of thinking th "smooth things" (see Isaiah xxx;10) are dece solely because they are smooth; and that therefo rough things carry their inevitable credentials authority in their roughness: which is not go thinking, however common it may be.

The war has not so much upset the universe as has the balance of many minds. We need stabilize in our intellects today. Let us keep mental sani Let us not be swept along by the current of unre soning radicalism.

The old world is still with us, modified somewha improved somewhat, with some questions yet to yet answered, but still the old world. We have n broken with the past. No age ever did break with th past. That may not be altogether comforting, but is altogether true. And being true, it remains tru that this age will be like all others that have gon before and like to all others that may come afte it will link itself with what has been.

Progress we are to have; out of this great worl experience of 1914 and after, we are going to g some very important values; but it will take time fo us to evolve into them. We shall evolve, we shall n explode.

And the man who is to be most useful in that pro ess is not he who decries everything in the ol civilization as "rotten", nor he who proclaims th wreck which his astigmatic eyes deceitfully discove to him, but he alone, who has faith in "that Powe which bids the ocean ebb and flow, which gives th eternal wheels to know their rounds", who has ju tice also to deal fairly with what has been as we as with what is to be, who keeps balance in his min between what he desires and what he condemns, an above all, who speaks truth, well-considered an exact. The man of public position today has no righ to be hasty in his generalizations nor wholesale i his condemnations. Let him ask himself sincerely— does this that I am saying measure exactly wit what is, will it bear the test of analysis?

A CURE FOR THE BLUES

Things are not as they should be, nor as we woul wish them to be; but they might be worse, and they surely are growing better.

Take, for instance, the marked progress upward manifested in the reports of Protestant church mem berships' growth for 1920. That was not an idea year by any means; and not so very far removed from the war, yet note what has happened. The re turns show a substantial rally from the former de pressing loss of membership in all the great de nominations. The net gain of all denominations i 1919 was only 44,000, all the 35,000,000 church mem bers showing so meager an incresae. Contrast with that the net gain in 1920 of 667,000. What percent in crease is that? About 1500 per cent is it not? Is that a matter to weep over?

But increase of membership does not mean any

ag, we have heard one "destructionist" say.
The churches never have given so much money for
Lord's work as in 1920. "But that does not count
ner." What count? We have been taught
d have been teaching that "money is the acid
t"; and we still believe it. Where a man's heart
there he will put his treasure.
But the spirit of the people,—that is the acid test.
ell, who has been able to put the spirit of the peo-
into the test-tube to analyze it? Outer expression
the proof of inner spirit; and so far as we are able
read the inner by the outer, we have much reason
taking courage and giving thanks.
Brethren, let us give over our bemoanings; let us
ve a trumpet blast.

THE ANGEL OF DEATH

Mrs. Lovejoy, the wife of Prof. Wallace W. Lovejoy, passed away on Wednesday March 23rd. She had long been ill and confined to her home. Prof. Lovejoy was seriously ill in a Berkeley hospital for some days before her death, and that perhaps proved too great a strain upon her enfeebled body. Prof. Arthur Lovejoy of Johns Hopkins University, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lovejoy, was able to be present at the funeral which was held on Saturday in the Oakland, First Church, Dr. Van Horn conducting the services.

The prayerful sympathy of many in our northern conference will go out to Superintendent Rathbone in the loss of his mother. She passed to the great beyond on March 15th in her 86th year. She had been failing for some years past, and for her, death was an escape from an irksome and restricted experience into the fulness of life.

FEDERATE SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

Three hundred registered attendance at the Mt. Hermon School of Missions in the First Baptist Church of Oakland. Mrs. F. B. Perkins spoke on "The Inspiration We Receive from the Bible Hour at Mount Hermon." Mrs. Loyal L. Wirt reviewed "The Church and the Community"; Dr. Loofbourow of Burlingame gave an address upon "Stewardship"; Rev. F. W. Russell on "Some Unique Phases of God's Word"; and Prof. Martha G. Castor, of Mills College, gave a fine review of "The Bible and Missions."

During the afternoon the young people of the church presented a pageant, "The Message for Man." In the evening Rev. W. E. Crouser gave an illustrated lecture on "Lights and Shadows of Mt. Hermon."

The summer season of the school will be at Mt. Hermon July 9 to 16.

MONDAY CLUB PROGRAM

April 4. At Pacific School of Religion to hear Kenneth Saunders on "Modern Thought in India as Illustrated by Tagore and Gandhi."

April 11. At San Francisco First. Theme,—Counsel from the Old Guard; a symposium from the older men in our ministry, with an honorary luncheon for Dr. Walter Frear.

April 18. At Oakland First. Address by Dr. Raymond C. Brooks, and a luncheon afterwards in his honor.

April 25. At San Francisco First. Program to be arranged.

May 2. Congregational Ministers Family picnic at Mill Valley. Take the 9:45 boat for Sausalito. Special out-door program.

May 9. Meeting at Pacific School of Religion, program under care of the faculty.

Easter reports from the churches show that 366 new members were welcomed into our churches on that glad day.

NOT AS BAD AS IT LOOKS

The Congregational ministers about the bay had a picnic by themselves at Sunol Glen on Monday, March 21. The wives of the same ministers had a picnic at San Lorenzo on the next day, also by themselves. This looks ominous. But an armistice has been signed. Both ministers and their wives will have a picnic together on May 2, in the peaceful vales of Mill Valley. Blessed are the peacemakers.

The General Synod of the Japanese Church of Christ meeting at Tokyo sent the following message to the trustees of the northern conference: "Resolved that the Anti-Japanese movement in California be solved peacefully according to the principles and spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, and also by the undaunted efforts of all Christian brotherhoods in the United States of America. This we, the Christians in Japan, believe will be eventually realized."

The Pacific Coast Conference of the Unitarian Churches which meets every third year is to be held in San Francisco this year on April 12, 13 and 14.

The Humboldt County Association met on Feb. 18 with the church at Eureka. Pastors and delegates were present from Ferndale, Field's Landing and Falk. Supt. Rathbone was also present. Rev. W. D. Ogg was moderator and Mrs. Lottie Lord scribe. Work in various fields in the county was discussed and a committee appointed to look after it. If the plans can be worked out, the unoccupied districts will soon be cared for.

The Pacific Unitarian reports that the Pacific School of Religion had received $45,000 out of its allotment of the Congregational World Movement. The school would be very fortunate if any such amount had come to it. As a matter of fact it has received just about $400, which is a difference of only a cipher or two; but ciphers are important in some places.

Secretary Hinman of the American Missionary Association will spend the month of April in a tour of the southern states, visiting the schools and mission of the Association. Upon his return he will have a worth-while fund of information available for the churches of the Pacific Coast.

"The famous 'Blue Laws' of New Haven, which has been made the theme of so many jests at the expense of our forefathers, never really existed."—John Fiske, in "Beginning of New England," (p. 136).

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

REDWOOD CITY

A Father's and Son's banquet was held on February 14 with more than 100 guests at the tables. One of the city councilmen present said that it was the best thing he had ever attended in Redwood City. At one of the prayer meetings there was an unusually large attendance which transformed itself into a reception in honor of the birthdays of Pastor Stevens and his wife who were both made happy by valuable and appreciated gifts. On the first Sunday in March, thirteen united with the church, eleven of them on confession. This church occupies an enviable position in the city and has a far-reaching influence upon the whole community.

PORTERVILLE ....

This church is becoming more and more a social center in its efforts to serve community interests. In eight days, recently, there were eighteen distinct meetings in the church, including a Sunday school convention, a community chorus, parent-teacher association, Y. W. C. A. social, and two gymnasium groups. The charge of "idle capital" can not be laid to this church.

EUREKA

The annual meeting was held on Wednesday Jan. 19. A supper was served in the church at 6:30, of which about 115 persons partook. Following the supper an interesting and encouraging business session was held. The reports from the various branches of work showed the church to be in the best condition in its history of sixty-two years. Thirty two new members had been added to the list and this had affected a substantial net gain for the year. All the bills of the church had been paid and there was a comfortable balance on the right side of the ledger. The outlook for the coming year is most encouraging. It was reported that Brother Henry Way, the last of the charter members of the church, had died at the home of his daughter, in England, where he and his wife had gone to spend their declining years.

FRESNO, PILGRIM

The progress and prosperity of the Armenian Church have been decidedly happy. It had recently bought the First Presbyterian property for $100,000. The other day it sold for $51,000 its old property for which ten years ago it had paid only $10,000. It has paid now on its new purchase all but $16,000. Pastor Papazian has well merited the fine development of this work under his care.

FORT BIDWELL

A young lady teacher from the Adin Church, Rev. John R. Shoemaker, pastor, has interested herself in starting a Christian Endeavor Society in this place. Miss Rhoda Steele is not only very happy over her nearly 100 members, but she has added credit to the fine influence of her home church.

LOS ANGELES, FIRST

The Brotherhood had another "Ladies Night" on March 15th, at which William C. de Mille gave an address on "Is the Moving Picture a Social Force or Merely an Amusement?" The church bulletin has this to say concerning the speaker of the evening: "Mr de Mille won fame in the theatrical world as a dramatist before undertaking the high responsibility of directing the production of moving pictures for the big organization he now represents. Among his best known successes on the American stage are, 'The Warrens of Virginia,' 'Strongheart,' and the Woman. Some of his one-act sketches also, such as 'Poor Old Jim' and 'Food,' are still playing, though first produced eight years ago. Our Church is a pioneer on the Coast in the use of moving pictures as a leading feature of its Sunday evening services, and the possibilities of pictorial drama as an agency for moral education and uplift have already been demonstrated. Mr. de Mille's aim as a director is to produce pictures along the best dramatic lines, eliminating the crudely criminal and sensuously disagreeable, and emphasizing on the screen the best ideals of the drama."

PALO ALTO

The practice of giving the benediction from the rear of the church has been in successful use for several months. During the singing of the closing hymn the minister passes down the aisle, and the benediction is give from near the door, which enables him to be in position to greet the people as they pass out. The church received twelve members at the March communion, all but three being on profession of faith. Nine high school boys and girls anticipated the Easter ingathering by being received at this time, among them an entire Sunday school class of boys. The original incentive of these boys was received from a former teacher, Robert Easterday, a young man whose untimely death two years ago was greatly lamented. Rev. W. B. Thorp has been giving a series of Lenten Browning readings on Saturday afternoons, attended by an audience which fills the parlors of the church. Dr. David Starr Jordan and Pastor Thorp were the speakers at the Founders' Day exercises of Stanford University March 9th.

CELEBRATION AT POMONA COLLEGE

The Decennial Celebration, given by Pomona College in honor of the completion of ten years of service to the College by its President, Dr. James Arnold Blaisdell, was in all its details most satisfactory and delightful. Its first event was a reception in new Woman's Dormitory which had just been fully occupied. This is one of the most complete and beautiful dormitories in the United States, accommodating about 200 young women. In variety and beauty of decoration and furnishings it is almost a fairyland.

Sunday February 20th was Day of Prayer for colleges. In the morning Rev. Howard D. French, of Los Angeles, brought a most helpful message. In the evening President Blaisdell, Judge Neely, Mr. French and the Acting Pastor, Dr. J. H. Williams spoke upon "Religion in a College."

On Tuesday the 22nd, several thousand gathered in the Greek Theater for the celebration proper. Hon. E. F. Hahn, of Pasadena, Pomona '98, presided. President Barrows of the State University, Pomona '94

e a very scholarly and illuminating address upon rge Washington. He was followed by Hon. George Marston, of San Diego, President of the Board of stees, who delivered a flawless eulogy of Presi- t Blaisdell and his ten years' work, it was not ful- ne, it did not flatter; but was just and appreciа- e as it should have been. In concluding he said— will add one moderate statement on behalf of the stees; simply this—that we regard him as the st perfect college president in the United States. esident Blaisdell we salute you as our leader and e you the tribute of our love and honor and grati- le." President Blaisdell's response was worthy of e man and the occasion, simple, dignified, manly. picnic luncheon was served in Blanchard Park on e Knoll, in which all participated.

In the afternoon the formal dedication and naming the new Woman's Dormitory was held in its nple patio, and "Harwood Court" became the new- t addition to the equipment of Pomona College. A ort address was made by Pres. Blaisdell with a re- onse by Mr. Charles Harwood, of Uplands, the ver who is now in his 93rd year. A choice musical cital followed in Mabel Bridges Hall of Music, and the evening the Decennial Banquet in Ye Clare- ont Inn closed the celebration.

W. C. M.

THE HUMAN MIND INTERPRETING GOD

To what nobler task can the human mind be set? Some folks think theology to be a divine thing pure nd simple. Like the Book of Mormon, Calvinism was anded down direct from heaven; man has naught to lo but to swallow it. Mrs. Mary-Baker-Glover-Eddy as the effrontery to claim that her writings are "un- ettered by human hypothesis and divinely author- ized." Under such conditions public opinion has nothing to do with theology, and Bishop McConnell's Earl lectures are but "sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal."

Those privileged to listen to these lectures will re- joice to learn that they have been published, and that they are more convincing and illuminating in print than in speech.

Unquestionably public opinion has greatly modified religious conceptions in all ages. Theology began as a codified expression of what the public mind deter- mined to be thinkable about the divine; and from that earliest day to this, a man's theology has been open to correction and modification by changing pub- lic opinion.

The variation seldom is rapid; theology normally is conservative. Sometimes the demand for change originates in one forward looking soul; sometimes in a progressive group; but just so soon as the de- mand expresses the aspirations and beliefs of a con- siderable number, contemporaneous theology will be found adjusting itself to the new opinion.

How theology has varied at the demand of public opinion is not quickly apparent, until one brings into review the tenets of some former era. "It would be almost impossible to get a hearing in religious circles today for the type of religious utterance of a thou- sand years ago, or even of a hundred years ago." (p.17)

The purpose of these lectures, the author says, is to "recognize the scope of popular authority in forging religious thinking. There is no evading the influence of public opinion over our ideas of the Kingdom of God." (p. 29)

Twelve important chapters discuss "The Divine Responsibility;" "God and Man at the Daily Task;" "Publicity in the Kingdom of God;" "The Divine Friendship;" "The Book of Rebellion and Freedom;" "The Christlike God." The table of contents is stimu- lating, whetting one's appetite, and the reader will find that the meat set before him is a feast, satisfying and refreshing.

Take for example the chapter upon "The Responsi- bility of God." Here is the keynote to the whole series: "The inescapable requisite is that in working out our theories of God, we represent him in terms of moral responsibility. If a ruler is to have power, he must exercise that power" under a regime of moral obligation. It is impossible in this day to accept the "old doctrines of arbitrary sovereignty for God." Once an irresponsible God might be obeyed and wor- shipped; today it is impossible. "Social criticism here is entirely just: if God is to claim the loving self- surrender of men's wills, he can base this claim on the ground that his mighty powers are used under the bond of responsibility."

To whom is this God responsible? First of all the men whom he has created. Does not that ring as spiritually satisfying as the deliberate stroke of some deep-toned church bell? A chord within us, in the secret-place of us, vibrates in harmony with that great truth. We are here by no wish of ours, intsalled in this earth-environment, in this heredity, without a single accent of our consent, in spite of our post- natal protest. "Life may itself be the sweetest of boons," but it is ours without consultation; that is the crux; we are "all drafted into this order. This puts upon the Drafter a responsibility which from the human point of view is little short of staggering." Yes, the author remembers man's responsibility to his Creator; not in a single paragraph does he minimize that; but this searching consideration he soon thrusts upon us,—"It would be just as mistaken to lose sight of the Creator's responsibility to the creature."

Our space cannot adequately feature this fine vol- ume. Let this general remark suffice; the careful reader will here find much that is fascinatingly new, together with some of the deeper meditations which in his own still hours he has timidly entertained; he will wish to read this volume with pencil in hand, for there is scarcely a page which is not glorified by some significant sentence of abiding worth.

("Public Opinion and Theology," by Bishop Francis John McConnell. 209 pages. The Abingdon Press, N. Y.)

The Presbyterian Theological Seminary celebrates its fiftieth anniversary at San Anselmo during the week of April 23rd to 28th.

IMMORTALITY AND THE NEW JERUSALEM

The ninety-seventh meeting of the bay Association with the Mission Church of San Francisco, was a notable gathering, both in point of attendance and in worth of program.

The great theme of the afternoon was "Immortality." Mr. Clarke of the Fruitvale Church speaking on "Intimations of Immortality"; and Mr. Waddell of the Pilgrim Church, Oakland, on "What We May Believe About Immortality". Both addresses were on a high plane, and beautifully dove-tailed in with each other, the first approaching the subject from the side of instinct and experience, and the latter from the intellectual angle. Churches about the bay would profit by securing for their congregations a hearing of either of these two men.

In the evening Mr. Wilson of the Alameda Church undertook the herculean task of describing the foundations and code of the "New Jerusalem," in the short space of forty-three minutes. Mr. Wilson is a fascinating speaker, brilliant, not always convincing, but withal interesting. The apocalypse, he said, was a dream, a great dream, and it came to John on the Isle of Patmos because he "was in the Spirit on the Lord's day." "Nothing has come into life without being at first a dream; Watts dreamed a dream, and the steam engine appeared." The large audience listened with unflagging interest to the forceful and picturesque language of the speaker.

The mid-winter conference of the secretaries and commissions of the National Council at Aurora, Ill., was reported in two very strong addresses by Superintendent Rathbone and Dr. Brooks. This being the last meeting of the Association at which the latter was to be present before his moving into Southern California, he was listened to with eagerness by his friends both in his report and in an after-dinner speech at the banquet-table.

Superintendent Rathbone was called from the meeting by a message that his mother, who had been ill for many months, had at last been released from her weakness into the expectancy and privilege of the other world. By a rising vote the Association sent a message of love and sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Rathbone, in their bereavement.

The members of the Association were glad to welcome back Dr. J. A. Cull, who has just spent four months in the Fabiola Hospital, recovering from a serious automobile accident. He had with his wife journied by auto twice across the continent without mishap, only to be run down by a reckless and intoxicated driver in the neighborhood of San Jose. His escape from death seems miraculous.

This ninety-seventh meeting of the Association was said by many present to be the best attended and most valuable for many a long day. The hospitality of the entertaining church and Pastor Simpkin and wife was 100 per cent gracious.

WAYSIDE NOTES

A letter from George H. DeKay at Honolulu says that he has been kept pretty busy since his arrival in that Sunland of the Pacific. He has been speaking constantly for the Near-East Relief, and once at Pea Harbor for the "Y". The Near-East Relief quota $25,000 was easily oversubscribed and most of it cash.

The new pastor at Pacific Grove, Rev. T. H. Dod was given a very cordial welcome-reception in t social rooms of the church. The Cummings orches furnished music, the mayor of the city spoke so well-chosen words of welcome to the pastor, t string-quartette of Methodist Church also contribut to the joy of the occasion. Pastor Dood respond happily, and the evening was brought to a close "delicious refreshments served by a bevy of swe young girls" of the church.

Rev. Roscoe Douglass who has been the successf pastor of the church at Ferndale since 1914 receiv a cordial and unanimous call to the church at San toga. The Ferndale Church and community are ve reluctant to lose Mr. and Mrs. Douglass. Mr. Dougla accepts the call and begins work in the new field May 1st.

After something over two years of earnest servi at Pittsburg, Rev. C. H. C. Jackson has resigned h pastorate to take effect on April 1. During his servi in this community the church has erected a ve commodious and creditable building as a lasting mo ument of Mr. Jackson's efficiency.

Rev. P. M. Ellefsen, a Methodist minister who h been pastor at our church in Bowles, has resigned.

Rev. F. J. Strawbridge, a minister from another d nomination who has been engaged in evangelist work in Oregon, has been assigned temporarily to t work at Pescadero. The Pescadero field has had real service for a term of years, and no communi hereabouts is in greater need of an earnest and se sacrificing ministry. The prayers and good wishes the churches will be behind Mr. and Mrs. Strawbrid in their work in this needy field.

Rev. Charles S. Price of the Lodi Church has bee presented by the men of the town with a Sherida automobile. The people said that so good a ministe ought not to be "driving a flivver"; so a purse $2100 was easily raised and Mr. Price now rides like prince. The Men's Club of the church has grown t 200 membership.

Rev. Miles B. Fisher has resigned from the M. E M. and has become the acting pastor for one year the Upper Montclair Church, New Jersey, during th absence of the pastor, Rev. Jay T. Stocking.

Supt. Rathbone chose the stormiest day in the yea for his lecture on the Pilgrim Fathers to the co gregation of the Eureka Church; in spite of th rain—and it was some rain too—he had a fairl good audience which appreciated his very fine lecture

The Congregational Pastors of Southern California to the number of 70, went on the Monday followin Easter into their ninth annual retreat at Avalon. Thi has become one of the vital occurences in the pro gram of our Southern brethren. The mornings ar devoted to spiritual inspiration and uplift, the after noons to recreation, and the evenings to the con sideration of modern problems.

EASTER TIDINGS

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or Sanderson had a great day as a reward of ent work. The morning congregation was 200 the evening 300; this for a church that used to ontent with 45. The evening meeting had stand- room only, and many were turned away. The rch has never had such a day. In all, at the two vices 55 new members were received, 49 of them confession of faith. Families came en masse; father and mother joined with their four child- . An Intermediate C. E. Society has been organ- l with an average attendance of 40 of high school . A new orchestra is planned for, with 16 instru- nts to help in the Sunday school. The peculiarity this church is that it has more boys than girls.

chmond, San Francisco

pt. Dodge was greeted with a full house, the first ne since he has been supplying the church; one s baptized. The Sunday school had a banner tendance and sent a message of greeting to Mr. wdish who enters upon this pastorate within a few eeks.

edwood City, Spanish

the evening the little church was full to over- wing, children not being lacking at the great mily gathering. Two new members were received.

ceanview, San Francisco

astor Mayne greeted a good congregation; he bap- zed two children, and received four adults into membership. The offering was a generous one.

ethlehem, San Francisco

astor Brereton reports that the day was a delight- ul time; the spirit of the day was fine and full of ncouragement. Seven young people from the pas- or's class were received into the church and one dult. In the evening the Sunday school gave an aster exercise that was appreciated by a crowded ouse.

Guerneville

This church has long been without a pastor and has lately been inclined to suspend all services; but Supt. Rathbone has spent several Sabbaths with the people and during Passion Week held services each night with the result that Easter found them full of hope; they gave an offering of $25, and have decided now that they want a pastor and will "hold the fort."

Berkeley, North

Easter this year was particularly happy in the return of Pastor Larkin who has been off on leave of absence on account of his health. The church was rejoiced to see him looking so fine and strong. Rev. Augustine Jones who has been supplying the pulpit joined with the pastor in the Easter services. It was a fine congregation that welcomed the homecoming of the loved pastor.

Oakland, First

The three-hour Good Friday service was attended by a great congregation. On Easter morning the church was full and many were unable to get in. The pastor, F. J. Van Horn, was happy in receiving 65 new members to the fold. In the evening the fine choir rendered a Latin mass which proved very winning and inspiring. Eighteen babies were baptized.

Woodside

Pastor B. St. John. The little church was full to the doors. The Sunday school according to custom gave its exercises in place of the usual preaching service. The offering was generous and was devoted to the Chinese famine relief. The pastor has been using the lantern for evening services and the attendance has been gratifying.

Calvary, Oakland

Pastor, William Schwimley. The church has been holding two weeks of special services before Easter with much interest. The day began with an Easter concert in the place of the usual Sunday school session. At the preaching service the pastor baptized two babies and two adults, and received six new members. The free-will offering amounted to $170. The evening was devoted to a choir service.

Berkeley First

R. C. Brooks, pastor. The Sunday school gave a play, "The Conquest of Love." The morning service was impressive, for the people remembered that this would be the last Easter service to be conducted by their pastor. In the evening the Pomona Glee Club gave a sacred concert.

Oakland, Plymouth

Charles L. Kloss, pastor. The congregation numbered over 1200. This church does not plan to receive members on Easter. The offering was over $1000.

South Berkeley

Norman Pendleton, pastor. The building was too small to accommodate the people who desired to worship here. This church has been growing right along, and on Easter morning the pastor happily received 25 new members, 22 of whom were on confession. This is a community church and feels sorely the need of a community house; the probability is that such a building will soon be erected next to the church.

Fruitvale

Charles F. Clarke, pastor. The Sunday school has lately been growing in a very encouraging sort of way. The Easter congregations were the largest the church has ever had; 26 new members were received, 17 on confession. A really fine program by the Sunday school was put on in the evening.

San Lorenzo

Rev. W. W. Furze, pastor. In spite of considerable sickness in the community, the attendance was fine and the spirit happy. At the communion service so many partook that there were not enough glasses to serve all. Three new members were received, 2 on confession. The decorations were artistic.

San Mateo

R. H. Baldwin, pastor. The church had so large a congregation that many people were unable to get in. There were 5 baptisms, and of the 14 who joined the church, 6 came by confession. A campaign is to be carried on from April 4 to May 4 to raise $80,000 for a new church, with all signs pointing to an over-

subscription. The canvass is to be under the able direction of Lyman Pierce, and already one member of the church has deposited a check to pay for the expenses of the whole campaign, so that every dollar pledged will go into the new building.

Mill Valley

There were two innovations in the Easter service: nearly all the singing was done not by the choir alone, but by the choir and congregation. And this proved to be an inspiring part of the services. The pastor had sent out a questionnaire to many folk of the town as to their reasons for believing in a life after this. Out of the responses he presented 16 good and solid reasons; they were listened to with very close attention by the large congregation. Four new members were received, and coming from the Sunday school, the superintendent, in the name of the school, presented each one with a book. It was hoped that this part of the service would help to link the Sunday school up closer with the church.

Oakland, Boulevard

J. B. Orr, pastor. The church was filled by a big congregation; the music was fine. Seventeen new members were received, ten upon confession of faith; four married couples were among the number.

Berkeley, Bethany

Pastor Floyd was happy in the morning services, receiving one new member upon confession.

Bay Point

Pastor Floyd was welcomed in the evening by the biggest congregation he has spoken to there. The people had brought flowers, "by the wagon-load," and everybody was happy.

Fresno, Pilgrim Armenian

Pastor Papazian ended his catechumen class just before Easter, with an average attendance of 40. The communion was observed on Thursday of Passion Week; a very impressive service was held on Good Friday evening. The Easter audiences were considerably larger than the building would accommodate; many stood, and many were turned away. The sermon was on Christ as the emancipator of woman.

Cloverdale

E. E. Weage, pastor. This was a great day for the church. Eight new members were received, 4 on confession.

Los Angeles, First

In the morning the church building was crowded full and many turned away in spite of the fact that two simultaneous meetings were held. Pastor Carl S. Patton conducted the main service in the auditorium, and Holland F. Burr, the religious director, preached to an overflow congregation in the parish house. The large chorus choir sang Stainer's "Daughter of Jairus" at both places. The communion service was held in the afternoon, at which 80 new members were received, 41 by letter. There were 12 baptisms. Of those joining on confession, 14 were young men from the Baraca class.

San Francisco, Mission

Peter A. Simpkin, pastor. Special services were held during Holy Week. Easter was celebrated baptisms, and reception of new members. Mr. Sim kin's temporary service with this church havi terminated, the church has given him an unanimo call to the pastorate, and he is considering the pro osition. The congregations both morning and eve ing have been growing in a healthy way, and th prospects for the church are full of encouragement.

Stockton

Harley H. Gill, pastor. The church has found necessary to enlarge its seating capacity on accou of the large morning congregations during the wint months. One hundred and twenty opera chairs hav been placed in the gallery, and other changes mad Easter Sunday found all available space occupie The morning congregation was estimated at abou 450. The free-will offering was over $100. Eleve received into the membership. The pastor preache on the Road to Emmaus, the Road of triumph.

Santa Barbarba

J. A. Batten, pastor. Largest congregations ever free-will offerings over $200; finest Sunday of th present pastorate; 14 new members of whom 8 b letter; the church is wide-awake and alive. Pastor' sermon on "The Certainty of the Eternal Hope."

Fresno, First

T. T. Giffen, pastor. Good Friday had the churc full to hear a Lenten cantata by Theodore Dubois on the Seven Last Words of Christ. On Easter morn ing the church was more than full, and a large con gregation at night. Pastor Giffen had the joy of re ceiving 20, of whom 12 came on confession. Th Easter sermon was on "The Ethical Value of a Be lief in Immortality."

Loomis

Pastor Youngman had the joy of seeing "standing room only" at his morning service. Two accessions to membership. It was a perfect day, artistic deco rations and splendid music.

The Yale Divinity News devotes two full pages to an account of the invaluable services credited to Dean Charles R. Brown during his nine years of connec tion with that school. Among the items mentioned are: an enlarged faculty; and its reorganization under five departments; a clarified and enlarged educational policy of the school; a very encouraging increase in the student body; and a successful financial admin istration. Dr. Brown as college pastor has been brought into a large and helpful contact with the great body of students in the university; five grad uating classes have voted him to be the most popu lar preacher at Yale. An excellent cut of Dr. Brown illuminates the front page of the News.

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"The Bride of Mission San Jose" by John Augustine Cull. 448 pages. The Abingdon Press, N. Y.

"Preaching and Paganism," by Albert Parker Fitch, Professor of the History of Religion, in Amherst College. Paper board, pp. 229. Yale University Press. $2.00.